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FORMER POSTAL EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING MAIL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former employee of the U.S. Postal Service pleaded guilty in federal court today to stealing mail.

Frank Campos, Jr., 49, of Smithville, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to charges contained in a Dec. 14, 2004, federal indictment.

Campos was employed by the Postal Service as a distribution clerk at the Kansas City Processing and Distribution Center. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Campos** admitted that he stole a greeting card containing money while sorting mail for delivery on Jan. 29, 2004. **Campos** acknowledged in today's plea agreement that there were more than 10 victims of his embezzlement.

Under federal statutes, **Campos** could be subject to a sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Meiners. It was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

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